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1. \boxtimes This communication is responsive to <u>July 26th</u> , <u>2006</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-49,92-94 and 96-116</u> .		
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.		
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
5. X CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date		
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		formal Patent Application (PTO-152)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No./i	
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DETAILED ACTION

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-49 are allowed over Lewis (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,565).

- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Applicant disclosed an invention relates to secure printing of value-bearing items (VBI) preferably, postage. More specifically, a cryptographic module for secure printing of VBIs. Applicant's invention is novel and innovative in the sense that it provided a plurality of cryptographic devices remote from the plurality of user terminals and coupled to the computer network, wherein each cryptographic device includes a computer executable code for authenticating one or more users and verifying that the authenticated user is authorized to assume a role, and wherein each cryptographic device is capable of performing value management functions for one or more users, wherein each cryptographic device is not dedicated to particular user terminals. Lewis the closet prior art teach an invention directed towards electronic financial transactions between a customer having a personal computer (PC) and a remote service provider via the Internet, more particularly between a large plurality of customer PCs ("clients") and a remote service provider ("server"), wherein each transaction is digitally signed by the originator and is executed by the remote server, and a unique evidence of payment for the transaction is provided to the customer. Lewis fail to teach or suggest a plurality of cryptographic devices remote from the plurality of user terminals and coupled to the

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computer network, wherein each cryptographic device includes a computer executable code for authenticating one or more users and verifying that the authenticated user is authorized to assume a role, and wherein each cryptographic device is capable of performing value management functions for one or more users, wherein each cryptographic device is not dedicated to particular user terminals.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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